

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) Apparatus for the removal of accumulated material comprising

an elongated control member;

a curved scoop having an edge attached to said control member; and

means for facilitating the movement of said curved scoop over a surface having said accumulated material;

wherein a strut mechanism extends from said elongated control member to said curved scoop and the facilitating means is attached thereto.

163 12. (amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 1 for the removal of accumulated material wherein

said control member is an elongated tube;

said control member is attached to said curved scoop by a tube clamp which arcuately contacts said elongated tube and is connected to a flange portion of said scoop;

said strut mechanism comprises a plurality of members each including a foot, a leg and an arm with each arm positioned against said elongated tube at a location displaced from said tube clamp and each foot secured to said scoop.

14. (amended) A method for removing accumulated material which comprises the steps of

(a) providing a curved scoop with a control member attached to said scoop overlying the curvature thereof; and

(b) moving said curved scoop over a surface having said accumulated material by a strut mechanism having separated feet attached to said scoop with means positioned beyond and under a leading edge of said scoop for facilitating the movement of said scoop;

thereby to guard against hitting roof screws and nails.

15 14. (amended) The method of claim 13 further including the step of sliding said strut mechanism against said control member ~~{without connection thereto}~~ and attaching said strut mechanism to said scoop.

12 15. (amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 11 wherein a wheel is attached to said curved scoop for facilitating the movement thereof.

Cancel claims 16-20.

Favorable action is requested.

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